

MINUTES

WILLMAR POLICE COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

A meeting of the Willmar Police Civil Service Commission was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Members present were: Vice President Lowell Fostervold, Secretary Dennis Anfinson, and new Commission member Cassie Akerson. Police Chief David Wyffels and Administrative Assistant Susan Edwards were also present.

Vice President Fostervold called the meeting to order. New Commissioner Cassie Akerson was welcomed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anfinson, seconded by Commissioner Akerson, to approve the June 11, 2012 minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Chief Wyffels presented the Commission with the background investigations done on the next three candidates on the eligibility register. The Chief then updated the Commission on where we are in the hiring process. He explained that one of the candidates on the eligibility register had accepted a job with another law enforcement agency, and two other candidates asked to be taken off our hiring list, as they were no longer pursuing a career in law enforcement. After reviewing the backgrounds, Commissioner Anfinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Akerson, to certify the names of Benjamin Hanneman, Kyle Jones, and Jared Danielson to the appointing authority, with the recommendation to offer the position to Benjamin Hanneman.

Motion carried.

Chief Wyffels informed the Commission that with this hiring, it would bring the number of officers to 32. He explained that Officers Carlson and Wallace have completed their FTO Programs, and are now on their own; however, Officer Dorn will be going out on a medical leave mid-January, for possibly 4-6 months.

Chief Wyffels told the Commission that the Gang Enforcement Team is back up and running. For officer safety reasons, the decision was made to keep the GET unit as a two-person team, and that Officers Van der Hagen and Lange were assigned to this team.

Commissioner Akerson informed the Chief that she appreciated the visibility of uniformed officers in the schools after the Connecticut shooting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Anfinson, seconded by Commissioner Akerson. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 4, 2013.

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